murders particularly in South Delhi', and the 'Cops have a good night's sleep as murders rock the capital';

(b) if so, what are the facts and details thereof;

(c) the number of murders and the crimes against women which took place in Delhi in 1994 and so far in 199S (month-wise and area-wise);

(d) what steps Government have so far taken to check the crimes in Delhi; and

(e) what action Government have so far taken against the police officials found responsible for dereliction of duties?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir Details of the cases reported in the news items published in the Hindustan Times of 18th November 1995 and the Indian Express dated 18th and 19th November 1995 are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 19].

(c) The number of murders and the crime against women which took place in Delhi during 1994 and 1995 (upto 31.10.95) month-wise and area-wise (district-wise) is given in the annexure. *[See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 20].

(d) In course of their primary duty of crime prevention and detection efforts are made by Delhi Police to instil a sense of security among the citizens of the Capital. Measures taken for the safety and protection of the people include renewed emphasis on beat patrolling, servant verification, posting of pickets at strategic points, strengthening of intelliegence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals, comprehensive surveillance on history sheeters, coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring states, training of police officers in handling modern weapons, introduction of scientific methods of investigation, modernisation of com-munications netwrok, etc.

(e) After an enquiry conducted over the news item published in Indian Express dated 19-11-95, 13 police officials were found responsible for dereliction of duties. Of these 13 police officials, five have been censured, three have been awarded Punishment Drill, one has been issued show cause notice for censure, two have been suspended and departmental enquiry initiated against them and the remaining two have been transferred to District Lines and issued show cause notice for censure.

Indop-Egyptian agreement for combating terrorism

*153. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEE'NA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to cairo agreements including one for combating terrorism, were signed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During PM's visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt, an agreement of cooperation to combat all forms of criminal acts particularly those relating to terrorists, transnational and organised crime was signed. This agreement is aimed to achieve better co-ordination/ cooperation between the two countries so as to effectively deal with the menace of terrorism and organised crime.

Reserve price for basic telephone services tender

*154. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter it is a fact that no reserve price was indicated in the basic and cellular services tender;

(b) if so, what is the rationale and

basis of a applying reserve price now;

(c) the details of the reserve price calculated by DOT for all the basic services circles; and

(d) on what considerations the reserve price criterion is not being applied for cellular services tenders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initially it was expected that market forces will result in receipt of competitive financial bids which would help the Government in deciding acceptable offers. But the bids received revealed very wide variations in the quoted levy in most of the circles. Levy quoted in some of the circles for basic service was even lower than the quoted levy in Cellular Service or Paging Service tenders. Therefore, it was decided to calculate the reasonable price. It is an inherent part of a tendering process to determine whether the prices offered are reasonable or not.

In the case of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service alt offers were found acceptable.

(p) Details of the reasonable price, converted into NPV (with a 10% reduction O for B and 25% reduction for C circles) and kept as the reserve price in the second round of financial bids, are enclosed in the Statement *(See* below) Regarding Rajasthan arid Raritatflka Circles, representations have hue a received from H-I bidders disputing the reasonable price and are oader consideration at present.

(d) Cellular Mobile Service is at the introductory stage in the country and hence unlike in the case of Basic Telephone Service, no data is available with the department to enter into a meaningful exercise for determining reasonable price. Hence, no attempt was made to workout reasonable price, in the absence of any histrocial data or demand protections and it was decided to take the qiioted offers as market indicator.

Statement

Name of the Circle	Quoted Levy By HI Bidder (Amount in Rupees crores)	Reasonable Levy	Remarks
A & N ISLAND	3.30	81.80	HI bid nor accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
ANDHRA PRADESH	15365.00	4035.80	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
ASSAM	4.41	£94.22	HI bid not accepted. This circule is included in the second round of financial bids.
BIHAR	244.00	602.22	-do-
DELHI	15085.00	6088.37	This bid has been accepted.

Name of the Circle	Quoted Levy By HI Bidder (Amount in	Reasonable Levy Rupees crores)	Remarks
GUJARAT	15085.00	3369.93	Vacated by HI bidder . due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
HARYANA	4060.00	1312.76	This bid has been accepted.
HIMACHAL	1.785	323.84	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
KERALA	9555.00	7880.58	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
M.P.	29.40	897.43	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
MAHARASHTRA	13909.00	10950.24	This bid has been accepted.
NORTH EAST	1.785	145.57	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
ORISSA	2065.00	692.46	This bid has been accepted.
PUNJAB	9065.00	2287.33	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
TAMIL NADU	4520.25	8208.20	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
UP EAST	13.65	1924.44	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
UP WEST	6580.00	2767.01	This bid has been accepted.
WEST BENGAL	9065.00	4226.77	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.

NOTE 1. Reasonable Price reduced by 10% in the case of B category Circles and 25% in the case of C category Circles and converted into NPV has been kept as the reserve price in the second round of financial bids.

NOTE 2. In the case of Punjab Circle, the reserve price has been kept as the NPV of the quoted levy of H2 bidder since that is higher than the reasonable price worked out by the department.

New visa procedure of the U.S.

*155. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by Indian businessmen in obtaining the U.S. visa due to new visa procedures of that country;

(b) Whether Government have taken up the matter with the U.S. Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have taken up the matter with the US Government at various levels, both in India and the US.